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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Petition.

Mr. Galvin of Canton (by request) presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John J. Costa, Jr., relative to the preparation of street lists by registrars; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Street
lists.

Paper from the Senate.

A report of the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its forty-fifth annual report (Senate, No. 2736), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

Capital
Resource
Company.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to accessory dwelling units (House, No. 1370); and

Relative to the protection of persons with disabilities (House, No. 1870);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Dwelling units.
Disabilities.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Further defining the purposes of the affordable housing trust in the city of Somerville (House, No. 1371) [Local Approval Received]; and

Relative to taking or transmitting images of crime victims by first responders (House, No. 1917);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Somerville,—
housing trust.

Crime
victims.

By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, for the committee on Cannabis Policy, on House, Nos. 146, 168 and 171, a Bill relative to hemp and agriculture in the cannabis industry

Hemp
agriculture.

(House, No. 4507). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, for the committee on Cannabis Policy, on a petition, a Bill relative to research data collection (House, No. 164).

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on Senate, No. 1695 and House, No. 2710, a Bill relative to health insurance benefits for state employees (House, No. 4508).

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on Senate, No. 2249 and House, No. 3379, a Bill relative to the creation of a women's rights history trail (House, No. 3379, changed in section 2, in line 48, by striking out the date: "July 31" and inserting in place thereof the date: "December 31").

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, for the committee on Cannabis Policy, on a petition, a Bill relative to research by independent testing laboratories (House, No. 172).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to employment discrimination protections for legal cannabis (House, No. 175).

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the appointment of retired police officers in the town of Canton (House, No. 3971) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Charlemont to establish a tax on commercial recreation services (printed as Senate, No. 1339) [Local Approval Received] [Senator Fattman dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to embarkation fees (House, No. 2873) [Senator Fattman dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Boston to fund affordable housing through a fee on certain real estate transfers (House, No. 2942) [Local Approval Received] [Senators Collins and Fattman dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill eliminating the requirement for the geriatric authority to make payment to the town of Milford in lieu of taxes (House, No. 3023) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to make permanent a senior means tested property tax exemption in Concord (House, No. 3731) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Harvard to establish a cap on property taxes for means tested senior citizens (House, No. 3734) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Melrose to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 3766) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Melrose to regulate certain property tax exemption eligibility requirements for the elderly (House, No. 3767) [Local Approval Received].

Cannabis,—
research.

State
employees,—
healthcare.

Women's rights
history trail.

Cannabis,—
testing.

Cannabis,—
employment.

Canton,—
retired
police.

Charlemont,—
recreation tax.

Ferry,—
fees.

Boston,—
affordable
housing.

Milford,—
geriatric
authority.

Concord,—
property tax
exemption.

Harvard,—
senior property
taxes.

Melrose,—
property tax
exemption.

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill regarding a hardship exemption for persons under the age of 60 in the town of Harwich (House, No. 3802) [Local Approval Received].

Harwich,—
tax exemption.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Mendon to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 3901) [Local Approval Received].

Mendon,—
property tax
exemption.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Somerville to impose a real estate transfer fee (House, No. 3938) [Local Approval Received] [Senator Fattman dissenting].

Somerville,—
transfer fee.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Provincetown to impose a 0.5% real estate transfer fee (House, No. 3966) [Local Approval Received] [Senator Fattman dissenting].

Provincetown,—
transfer fee.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to give the town of Leicester authority to grant full annual property tax exemptions to the surviving spouse of Rutland Police Detective and Leicester resident John D. Songy (House, No. 3989) [Local Approval Received].

Leicester,—
property tax
exemption.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a real property transfer fee in the town of Chatham (House, No. 4060) [Local Approval Received] [Senator Fattman dissenting].

Chatham,—
transfer fee.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Lincoln to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption program (House, No. 4107) [Local Approval Received].

Lincoln,—
senior property
taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Nantucket to impose a real estate transfer fee for affordable and workforce housing (House, No. 4201) [Local Approval Received] [Senator Fattman dissenting].

Nantucket,—
affordable
housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Cambridge to impose a real estate transfer fee (House, No. 4282) [Local Approval Received] [Senator Fattman dissenting].

Cambridge,—
transfer fee.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a real estate transfer fee upon the transfer of property in the town of Arlington (House, No. 4295) [Local Approval Received] [Senator Fattman dissenting].

Arlington,—
transfer fee.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to property tax exemptions for affordable accessory dwelling unit rental properties in the city of Salem restricted as affordable housing (House, No. 4300) [Local Approval Received].

Salem,—
affordable
housing.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Exempting the city of Northampton from appointments to the Northampton License Commission on the basis of party affiliation (House, No. 4284); and

To amend the charter of the town of Middleborough (House, No. 4370);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bills.

The House Bill relative to indigenous representation on the Martha's Vineyard Commission (House, No. 4021), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Martha's Vineyard
Commission,—
membership.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4579), which was read. The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to the charter and the town clerk in the town of Groton (House, No. 4261), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Groton,—
charter
and clerk.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4580), which was read. The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.